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Tutunjian Announces Winter Break Fun

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(February 12, 2004-TROY) Mayor Harry Tutunjian and Deputy Mayor of Constituent Relations Dan Crawley announced Thursday that the City will open up the Knickerbacker Ice Arena facilities during Presidents Week so that kids on winter break can enjoy free ice skating, pick-up hockey games, and an ice show from Empire States Games athletes.

Beginning Monday, all kids accompanied by adults during the day at the Knickerbacker Ice Arena will be allowed to skate for free in the outside rink. Adults will cost \$3. Free skate will be available inside from 1:30-3:30 p.m. There will also be sledding on the Knickerbacker Hills. All of the events are weather permitting.

The highlight of the week will take place Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m., with an evening of entertainment entitled a "Winter Frolic" Ice Show. The show will involve all of the athletes who will compete in the state games next week. It will take place in the Knickerbacker Ice Rink.

The show is being hosted by the Uncle Sam and Hudson Mohawk Skating Clubs and will include guest skaters from the Achilles Synchro Skating Teams. Admission to the show is one can of food that will be donated to a local food pantry.

Tutunjian said Thursday the week of events is something small that allows the city to give back to the community.

"Kids in Troy have the entire week off from school, and there is no reason why we should not be doing our best to give them something to do," Tutunjian said. "The whole week will be fun, as will the Ice Show when we wish good luck to all the competitors."

Crawley organized the show and rink opening with Knickerbacker management. He said this year is only the first step, and in the years to come the week will become a full-blown winter carnival.

"We put this show and week together because we thought it was important to provide free recreational opportunities to our youth," Crawley said. "Next year it is our hope that this blossoms into a carnival like event, with food, entertainment, and tons of community participation."